Defence Academy at Barrackpore

920. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether Government propose to establish a Defence Academy at Barrackpore, West Bengal in view of the celebration of 150th year of First Indian War for Independence this year?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): There is no such proposal before the Government.

Theft of Photo I-Cards of Army Personnel

921. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that photo identity cards of more than 50 army personnel, posted in a unit in Ludhiana, were stolen/misplaced just before the Republic Day this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been initiated in this regard; and

(d) if so, the findings of the enquiry and the corrective measures taken?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, a case of loss of 87 identity cards of Personnel Below Officers' Rank (PBOR) of Army has been brought to the notice of the Government, in December 2006, at a place other than Ludhiana. In all such cases a Court of Inquiry is convened and details are shared with concerned agencies for taking necessary precautionary measures. The review of security measures is a continuous process.

Kidnapping and murders of children around NCR

922. SHIR PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of kidnapping, raping and killing of children have increased during the last three years, in and around the National Capital Region;

(b) if so, year-wise and city-wise details thereof;